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*“The law of tithing is the epitome of the Gospel. It is genuine worship and true recognition of the sovereignty of God. It is real consecration, the giving of the muscle and the energy of life to the cause; and it begets the abundant life of love and service for which the Christ came.”*—STEPHEN L. RICHARDS.

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**OBSERVANCE OF LAW INSURES TEMPORAL WELFARE**

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

LAST SUNDAY, from this stand, I made as plain as I knew how to do, my position, briefly stated, regarding the duty of Latter-day Saints. So far as we have investigated in some of the wards—and we have investigated carefully—more than eighty per cent. of those who are in distress have not lived the law of the Lord.

There are a great many things we try to get the people to do. The money that goes out of Utah for liquor, tobacco, tea and coffee, would undoubtedly furnish employment and take care of all the people of Utah without any difficulty whatever, if put to a beneficial use, if we obey just the simple Word of Wisdom, given for our temporal salvation. If all Latter-day Saints and those not of our faith would observe the Word of Wisdom and give the equivalent of what they have spent in breaking it, I am sure it would solve the financial problems of the people of our state.

I remember upon one occasion a friend of mine, not in the Church, saying:

“How can you afford to spend hundreds of dollars every year in giving books away to your friends?”

I said: “Oh, I get a great deal of pleasure out of it, and in addition I sometimes give pleasure to four or five hundred others. Sometimes I give away in a year a thousand, or two thousand pamphlets, that cost only ten cents each, and it is my cigar money. I am sure it does not cost me any more than you spend to gratify your own appetite in smoking cigars.”

He said, "Well, you have knocked me out in the first round and with the first blow."

I have urged upon the people, and have been called a crank for so doing, the observance of the Word of Wisdom, and I expect to continue to be a crank in that respect to the end of my life. I am converted beyond the shadow of a doubt, that no man or woman in this Church, who does not observe the Word of Wisdom, can grow and increase in a knowledge and testimony of the Gospel as he or she could otherwise do. It is not given to us as a commandment, it is advice for our benefit, for our temporal salvation; and in addition we are promised that if we obey it we shall have hidden treasures of knowledge and the destroying angel shall pass us by as he did the children of Israel. It is a marvellous promise.

A distant relative of mine went all the way to Chicago to consult a doctor. Although he was born in the Church and baptized as a child, he made no pretension of believing in the Gospel. When he died he was not buried from any ward, but from one of the fraternal organizations to which he belonged. On the occasion to which I refer, as I remember it, he had to pay fifty dollars for a short interview with a specialist in stomach troubles, etc.

#### DOCTOR SAYS, "GO BACK TO UTAH"

When the doctor learned that he was from Utah, he said: "All you need to do is to go back to Utah and live the 'Mormon' Word of Wisdom." I could have saved him the fare to Chicago and back again and that fifty dollars, but he did not even carry out the advice of the doctor.

But when it comes to tithing, that is the law of God. It is not given by persuasion, but it is a law, and I announced here last Sunday that we would have an abundance with which to take care of all who are in distress, if every member of the Church paid into the charity fund the equivalent of two meals per month. You know there are many of us here to-day who, instead of eating a meal that is worth ten cents, eat one in which there is nice roast beef, or some fine trout, or chicken or turkey, or something of that kind, and instead of ten cents the meal would probably cost at least seventy-five cents.

We should be just as liberal when we are paying our Fast donations as we are when feeding our appetites, and give the equivalent of what we would have eaten for our Sunday dinner and our Sunday breakfast.

If we would do this I am sure that instead of ten cents the saving would come near to being twenty cents, if not twenty-five cents per meal. . . .

Now I believe in tithing. Why? We had some talk here to-day, a very splendid address, by Brother Adam S. Bennion, who

referred to the fact "man is that he might have joy." I believe that more joy comes to every man, woman and child in this Church, who is old enough to comprehend, from paying their tithing and expressing their gratitude to God for the things that He gives them, than a person can possibly have who picks up the generosity in his nature, so to speak, and fails to do his duty.

A real joy comes into the heart of every individual who is engaged in service, and every Latter-day Saint knows that. Why? We are spending millions of dollars in time and money to preach the Gospel every year. Why? Because every young man and woman that fills a good, faithful mission comes home and testifies that it was the best time of his or her life; and they were working for nothing financially and boarding themselves, or their families were doing it for them. There is joy and peace in service.

#### WORTH OF SOULS GREAT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

We find recorded in the eighteenth section of the Doctrine and Covenants the following:

Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;

For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore He suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him.

And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him, on conditions of repentance.

And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth!

Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people.

And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father.

One reason that I have always laboured faithfully to get people to pay their tithing, is that I have had the joy of paying tithing all my life, from the time I was a child and earned the first money I ever received. I have been honest with the Lord. I take genuine pleasure in paying my tithing. You know it requires a certain amount of education to pay one's tithing. I remember upon one occasion I heard of a man from the midnight sun country who had embraced the Gospel after hearing a fervent testimony of the divinity of the work, the necessity of faith, repentance, baptism by immersion, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and a convincing testimony under the inspiration of the Lord as to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He came to Zion without having heard of tithing. When the word tithing was mentioned to him, he said:

"One-tenth! why that is ridiculous! It is absurd! No man saves on an average, one-tenth of all he makes!"

The bishop wanted to know if he knew that the Gospel was

true? Yes. Did he know that Joseph Smith was a prophet? Yes.

The bishop said: "Well, this is a law revealed through Joseph Smith."

He finally concluded that he would pay his tithing.

Then the bishop came around and said: "You are not paying any Fast Day donations for the poor."

"The tithing ought to be enough," he said.

"Oh no, it will not cost you a thing. All you need to do is to grow spiritually, be benefitted spiritually; put your body in a condition to be more in tune with our Creator by refraining from two meals, and you are only asked to pay that which you have saved by going without those two meals. Ask your doctor and he will tell you that it will benefit your physical frame."

The man concluded to do it.

Very soon thereafter the ward was building a meeting-house. The bishop asked for donations to help that undertaking. Well, this man grumbled about it and said the Church ought to build the meeting-houses. At that time the Church was paying only one-quarter of the amount required for such purposes. He finally screwed up his courage to help in building the meeting-house.

Soon the bishop came around again. They were building a stake house, and he asked for a contribution to that cause. The man grumbled again, but he finally concluded to do his share.

#### CONTRIBUTES TO BUILDING OF ACADEMY

Lo and behold, the bishop came around again and asked for a donation when they were building an academy. We did not have high schools here at that time. The man complained again, but he had a boy to whom he wanted to give the advantages of an education, and so he contributed.

Finally, we were completing the great Salt Lake Temple, and this man thought that as little as the Church could do was to build the temples from the tithing fund. But he had the genealogy of some of his relatives for whom he wanted to do work in the temple, so he finally concluded to make a contribution to help complete the temple.

Then his boy graduated from the academy, and the bishop came to the father and said:

"We are going to call your son on a mission."

He said: "Bishop, is there no end to this thing?"

The bishop said: "No, it is one eternal round. There is no end to it whatever."

He said: "Well, that is the straw that breaks the camel's back. I won't pay a dollar to keep my boy on a mission. If you want to send him on a mission you can do so. I expected him to earn seventy-five or a hundred dollars a month, now that he has his

education, and to help me out, but I will sacrifice that. I will not, however, pay a dollar towards supporting him in the mission field."

The bishop said: "All right; we will change the subject."

They chatted for nearly an hour. Finally the bishop said:

"By the way, whom do you love more than any other person upon the face of the earth except your family, your own flesh and blood?"

He said: "Bishop, do you know I love more than any other human being the man who came way up into the midnight sun country of Scandinavia, and brought to me the Gospel, the plan of life and salvation, the eternal truth. I love him more than any other human being."

The bishop said: "By the way, wouldn't you like somebody to love your boy just like that?"

He said: "Bishop, you have lied to me fair and square; the boy can go."

During this hour or more of conversation this man who had come from Scandinavia told of what a hard time he had had in that country where the sun did not shine more than once a month, on an average. There is darkness there about half the year, and he told me how hard it was to get a dollar and how wonderfully he had been blessed in this country, and what a great success he had made financially; how he had been able to educate his children, and so on.

The bishop got him right where he wanted him in his conversation before he asked him whom he loved.

I have a statement from the lips of the King of Sweden and Norway testifying to the success of his people who had gathered to this section of the country.

It was the fourth day of July, and I was in Stockholm, a very beautiful city. Some people said to me while I was in Europe that Stockholm was the Venice of the North. I said: "Why don't you call Venice the Stockholm of the south? I like Stockholm much better than Venice."

#### DECIDE TO MEET THE KING OF SWEDEN

My wife and two of my daughters, the presidents of the Swiss-German, the Netherlands, the Norwegian, the Swedish and the Danish missions, the editor of the *Millennial Star* (Brother Nephi Anderson), Brother Spencer Clawson, Jr., as I recall, Willard Andelin, Arvilla Clark (afterwards Mrs. Andelin), and others were with me. I said to them:

"What would you like to do to-day to celebrate our natal day?"

They said they did not know.

I said: "I will tell you what I would like to do. I would like to meet the King of Sweden and Norway, King Oscar."

They said: "So would we, but that is out of the question."

I said: "Go in and get ready and I will write him a letter. I will take you out to his castle."

We had read that morning in the papers that the king was in a castle on a little island. I told them I would introduce them to him. I wrote a letter to the king. To be perfectly frank with you I did not expect that I could meet him, but I thought it would be a good thing to talk about later. In the letter I told him that this was the natal day of America, and that we would like to celebrate it by having the pleasure of meeting the king of Sweden and Norway. I said I knew it was not the usual way of doing such things; that I had letters from both of our senators, asking that the minister to that country secure an audience for me with the king, but I hoped he would waive formality, and I took pleasure in enclosing a letter from the governor of the great State of Utah which I hoped would be credentials enough, and that we could meet him.

#### LETTER FROM GOVERNOR OF STATE

I had requested Governor Wells to not only give me a letter addressed, "To Whom It May Concern," but to have the letter certified to by the Secretary of State and to have the seal of the State and a red ribbon attached to it. I told the Governor that I had discovered that a stamp and a red ribbon had a good effect in foreign countries, so I wanted him to have it fixed up that way. I enclosed this letter with the one that I had written to King Oscar.

We went to the palace and sat down on the iron benches in the beautiful grounds. I said to my companions:

"You people stay here, and when that soldier with the gun over his shoulder gets right up here and turns around I will follow him. He will go to the farther end of the grounds and turn around. By that time I will be knocking at the door or talking to somebody at the door, and he won't do any shooting because he will think I would not dare go there unless I had a right to do so."

I knocked on the door, and a gentleman appeared who undoubtedly spoke Swedish because I could not understand him. I talked English to him and he could not understand me. He closed the door, and it sounded like he turned the key in the lock. Pretty soon another gentleman came who talked perfect English, and said:

"What can we do for you, sir?"

I said: "I desire to see the king."

"That is impossible," he said; "Nobody can see the king without being properly presented."

I said: "Did the king tell you that? I sent a letter to the king from the governor of the great State of Utah. You return me my letter or a message from the king. I won't accept the message from you, sir."

And he came back and said: "The king will step out here on the lawn and receive you."

The king came out and we chatted for a few minutes through an interpreter. He then asked how many of us understood Swedish? There were only three in our party who understood that language, so he changed to the most perfect English.

He wouldn't say, "I luffed to see the calf come down the path in a minute and a haff," but would say, "How I laughed to see the calf come down the path in a minnte and a half." He spoke perfect English and when it is spoken by an educated Englishman it is music, but when it is spoken by an American trying to imitate an Englishman it is a joke on the person who speaks it. But it is no joke on King Oscar. He spoke it perfectly.

#### ABSOLUTE LIBERTY TO PREACH

Among other things he said: "Mr. Grant, all of the various religious denominations here in my country are absolutely opposed to you 'Mormons.' They try to get laws passed prohibiting you in this country. But I have sent my personal representatives to Utah—they have not told who they were; nobody has known that they were my representatives—and I have sent my representatives to other places where there are large numbers of my former subjects, but in no other place in all the United States are my former subjects so happy, so contented, so prosperous as in Utah; and just as long as I am king of Sweden and Norway your people shall have absolute liberty to preach your religion here."

I see the time has expired. May the Lord help each and every Latter-day Saint to keep the law of God, and thereby grow in peace and happiness and have joy, and all do their share to prove actually that they are doing what? Fulfilling the two great commandments, the first of which is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, might, mind and strength; and the second is to love our neighbour as ourselves.

No true Latter-day Saint who loves the Lord with all his heart, might, mind and strength will ever fail to honestly pay his tithing; to honestly contribute every month the equivalent of two meals, and to obey the Word of Wisdom, so that he will be entitled to have the destroying angel pass him by and to receive hidden treasures of knowledge.

God bless you all. I ask it in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.—(Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., June 19th, 1932.)

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THE Prophet Joseph Smith said that a man can learn more through the inspiration of the Spirit and revelation than he can learn in any lifetime of study, if God will but give him one glimpse of the eternities in which he lives.

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EDITORIAL

EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENTS IN CONFERENCE

THE work accomplished at the conference of European Mission Presidents at Prague, made it a most constructive and profitable convention. The conference convened on the morning of Tuesday, July 5th, and closed on the afternoon of Friday, July 15th. All the missions were represented, with the exception of the South African Mission; but a splendid letter full of encouragement and inspiration was received from President Don Mack Dalton.

Encouraging opening reports by President and Sister John A. Widtsoe on the general conditions of the European Missions were followed by interesting reports from the mission presidents and their wives on the condition of the work of the Lord in their respective fields. These reports showed more intensive and increased Priesthood and auxiliary activities; a wider use of local members; greater development of branch, district and mission supervision; growing interest in genealogical and Temple work; greater economy in expenditures; increasing use of local Elders as missionaries; encouraging results of branch tracting societies; favourable proselyting results by neighbourhood primaries; increased attendance through the work of branch choirs; forming of chapel building funds; increased fast offerings, and many other items denoting steady progress among the missions in all of their activities. Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis also made reports of their labours. It was made evident that the people had received in the proper spirit the gift of the patriarchal blessing.

In an interesting report by Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, the welcome announcement was made that the manuscript of the *European Bee-Hive Handbook* had been completed and was ready for the printers. The preparation of this work involved much careful and technical labour on the part of Sister Widtsoe, and she is to be congratulated on its completion.

Sister Mabel Young Sanborn, representative of the Genealogical Society of Utah, who has been making a study of genealogical conditions in Europe, addressed the convention on the morning of July 6th. Her talk was stimulating and instructive, and better methods for genealogical and Temple work and the preparation of records was agreed upon as a result. In connection with this all-important matter, the glad announcement was made that the Cache Stake of Zion had proffered to do the work of baptisms, endowments and sealings for ten thousand faithful members of the Church in the European Missions, and that the work will be done in one year.



Among the many subjects discussed during the conference were: higher missionary efficiency; more effective Church organization; meeting the depression; the problem of chastity; greater use of all forms of publicity; organization of mission central publicity bureaus; more general use of lantern slide lectures and portable exhibits; better organized programme of district conferences; a definite genealogical programme with mission and district supervision; improved mission records; inter-district auxiliary competitions; increased M. I. A. activity programmes; better proselyting methods; more intensive and systematic tracting; placing the standard works of the Church in public libraries and bookshops.

On Sunday, July 10th, two public meetings were held in Prague, at which the mission presidents delivered seven-minute talks on different phases of the Gospel and Church organization. The concluding talk of the morning session was by Sister Widtsoe on "Mormonism and Woman." She was listened to with the greatest of interest. "Mormonism's Message to the World and Its Accomplishments," was the theme of a discourse at the evening session by President Widtsoe.

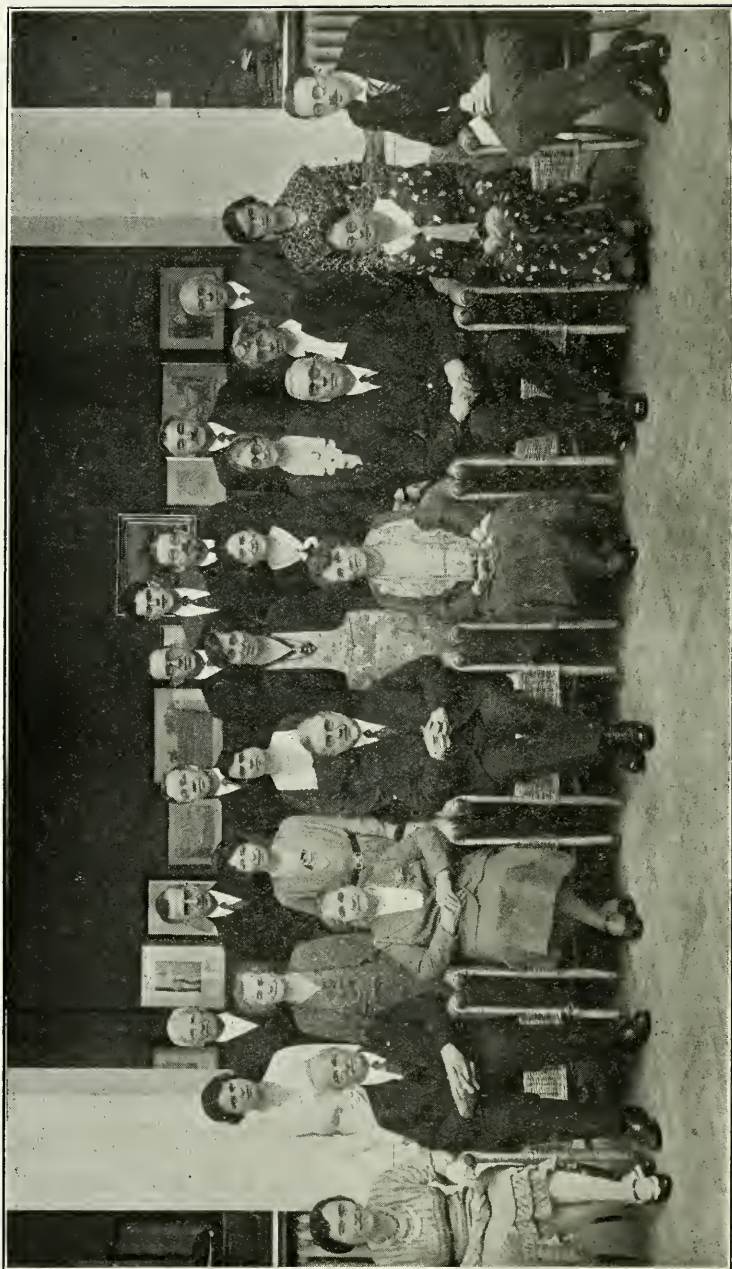
The audience at both meetings was a select one and composed of prominent people of Prague and press representatives. They were there upon written invitation, and at the close of each gathering expressed themselves as much enlightened and interested in the expositions made. The singing was furnished by the Elders labouring in the Czecho-Slovak Mission, all of whom are gifted with splendidly trained voices.

A glorious testimony meeting on the last day of the Conference was a fitting close to the splendid work accomplished by the mission authorities. The Spirit of the Lord was poured out in great abundance, and those who were privileged to be in attendance will always remember the humble and grateful acknowledgments paid to the Giver of all good for His wonderful blessings on their labours.

President and Sister Gaeth had made excellent preparations for the Conference, and left no stone unturned to make pleasant and profitable the visit of the mission authorities. They were at all times most unselfish in their efforts to entertain in every way their visitors.

A large amount of publicity was given the occasion in all the papers, including interviews and featured articles which cannot help but bear fruit.

Those present were greatly encouraged with the results of the Conference, and returned to their fields of labour with more effective plans and a greater determination to prosecute the sacred missions entrusted to them. The names of those in attendance are given on another page, together with a picture of the group.—JAMES H. WALLIS.



EUROPEAN MISSION AUTHORITIES AT PRAGUE

## MISSION AUTHORITIES AT PRAGUE

THE authorities of the European missions in the picture on the preceding page are, left to right, first row: Martha K. Gaeth, Czecho-Slovak Mission; James H. Wallis, Patriarch, and Associate Editor *Millennial Star*, European Mission; Elizabeth T. Wallis, counselor in presidency of the European Mission Relief Societies; John A. Widtsoe, president of the European Mission; Leah D. Widtsoe, president of the European Mission Relief Societies; Hyrum D. Jensen, president of the Norwegian Mission; Margaret A. Jensen, Norwegian Mission; Arthur Gaeth, president of the Czecho-Slovak Mission. Second row: Rosetta Widtsoe; Rintha Pratt Douglas, British; Ada Forsberg, Swedish; Beth C. Woolf, French; Rachel S. Larsen, Danish; Margaret S. Budge, German-Austrian; Laura W. Salzner, Swiss-German; Elizabeth I. Kooyman, Netherlands; Helen Salzner, Swiss-German. Third row: James H. Douglas, British; Gustave W. Forsberg, Swedish; Golden L. Woolf, French; Holgar M. Larsen, Danish; O. H. Budge, German-Austrian; Francis Salzner, Swiss-German; Frank I. Kooyman, Netherlands. Fourth row: Clifford L. Ashton, Auxiliary Secretary European Mission.

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 "MORMONISM" AND HEALTH

ELDER JAMES H. DOUGLAS

PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH MISSION

I AM delighted to be in this far-off country. It is far off to me, as I come from the western part of North America. Permit me to say I have been thrilled with the sweet music and inspirational addresses made before this splendid congregation. I am made very happy with the privilege of being here, witnessing the exercises of this occasion, and listening to the eloquent appeal made by President Gaeth. Notwithstanding the fact that I could only understand a small part of his address, it being spoken in a language foreign to me, yet I felt the thrill that undoubtedly you felt in listening to him.

The music has touched every fibre of my being. Music always penetrates my soul and thrills me to the very core. I have never heard a great orator speak that I have not wished that I, too, might be able to deliver an address or preach a great sermon; that I, too, might be able to sway the multitude and instil in them the spirit of exaltation and of noble endeavour. I have never heard a great singer that I have not longed in my heart to be able to express my ideas and emotions with such artistry and telling effect. I have never met a beautiful and noble character, either in literature or life, that I have not felt the thrill of wishing to be like him. I have never looked upon a large structure like the Empire State building in New York, the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, the Eiffel Tower at Paris, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, or any

other magnificent building requiring skillful engineering and careful architecture, that I have not felt "how wonderful is man; how passing wonder, He who made him such."

Since coming to Pragne, I have had the privilege of attending your "Sokol." How wonderful! I was amazed at the perfection of movement. I understand the purpose of "Sokol" is the physical and moral upbuilding of mankind, and that equity, freedom, brotherhood, discipline and morality are the first and main elements of the "Sokol" idea. I also understand that your aims are to train up a strong will, capable of self-denial, with a firm character, and that the goal of physical training is to create a basis for a healthier posterity.

All of this brings to my mind the wonderful age in which we are living. Although my hair is white and my brow somewhat furrowed—and I am not posing as an old man—but I feel that my spirit is still young. During the short space of time which I have lived, many of the greatest and most important inventions that the world has ever known, have come into use. Let me call your attention to a few of them.

Passenger elevators, so very needful in America, the land of sky-scrapers, did not come into use until 1871. Typewriters, so commonly used in every country, were not known till 1868. Telephones were but common toys in 1876. Kodaks, now carried by every Latter-day Saint missionary, were not known until 1888. The wireless invention of the Italian, Marconi, has come into practical use since 1896. The Wright flying machine made its first "bow," so to speak, in 1903. Radio, now so universally used, transmitting music and speech through the air, is one of the great modern inventions. None of these things, apparently, were known to the ancients, and yet all of these and many of the others have come into practical use since the Father and the Son, and the Angel Moroni, and Peter, James and John came and delivered their message to the boy prophet, Joseph Smith.

As the religion of the Latter-day Saints embraces all good, everything lovely, praiseworthy, or of good report, these movements and the aim involved in the "Sokol" movement that I have mentioned, could be very easily included in "Mormon" teachings. In the revelation known as the Word of Wisdom, given nearly one hundred years ago, Almighty God brought to the attention of the world some laws of health and the great benefits that would be enjoyed by every man, woman and child in the world if he or she would strictly obey these revelations. In the Word of Wisdom the Latter-day Saints are advised not to drink wine or strong drink at any time; to abstain from the use of tobacco, which contains nicotine; to avoid hot drinks and the use of tea and coffee. In the place of these harmful substances they are counselled to use wholesome herbs, eat meat sparingly,

partake of fruit liberally, use properly cooked vegetables, sleep at regular periods, develop correct habits of work and play, and proper mental and moral attitudes. By the observance of these they are promised health, wisdom and treasures of knowledge; that they shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint, while the "destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them."

I sincerely trust that the opportunity will be granted you to learn more of the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints. May the Lord bless you, that we may learn to live the abundant life, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered at the Czecho-Slovak Mission Conference held at Prague, Sunday morning, July 10th, 1932.)

### GRATITUDE OF A MOTHER'S HEART

FROM a letter to President James H. Douglas, from Sister Evelyn Heath, mother of Elder Lawrence T. Heath, who lost his life by drowning while labouring in the Leeds District, we quote the following :

I hope you will not think I have forgotten to answer your letters. No, such could not be the case, for you were too kind and considerate to me. Your letting me know every little detail as it happened will never be forgotten, and God will bless you for it. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for so doing, but I have been under such a strain it has been impossible to write.

I have one more son, but he lives in Ogden, so it is hard to get him to help me. I also have a daughter, younger than Lawrence, living here with me. They are both of the same type as Lawrence, so you see I have lots to be thankful for. These are my only living children. Marie is a wonderful girl, and was very generous in giving all she earned to help keep her dear brother over there. They were more like lovers than anything else, and her sorrow is great, as is the rest of us. Only through the wonderful prayers, both over there and here, of which we felt them all, were we able to withstand it. Thanks to our Heavenly Father, we were able to put ourselves in tune and did feel the strength of them all.

Would it be asking too much for you to thank every one you can for their prayers and beautiful letters of comfort they have given us?

We feel and know you all did the best you could, and that your sorrow was great also. The missionaries that were with him, oh! how we feel for them, and our prayers go out to them! We hope and pray yet that their hearts will receive comfort, and that his passing will only add to their faith and also to the saints who knew him. We feel that we know them, their letters are so comforting, and while there are some thirty-five of them, I do hope that some day I will be able to answer them all.

God bless them. Tell them we love them all. We have not words to express our gratitude for all that has been done, the memorial services, the fasting and prayers. Oh! if I could only open my heart and reveal unto them our thanks! How I wish the saints could feel the gratitude of my heart. Again, God bless them.

The body was not so I could see it, but with the great help of our Heavenly Father we were able to stand the test. I thank the Lord for having such children. I lost my oldest boy. Both in looks and in every way he was like Lawrence. The Lord made known to me why He wanted him, but I suppose He knew it would be better not to let me know of this. Bishop Joseph Christensen gave me a blessing, and said the Lord, Himself, will make it known to me why Lawrence had to go home.

Now, I do hope I have made known to you all our heartfelt thanks, and that while the time was short that Lawrence was with you, that he dropped some little seeds that will grow and do some good, is our humble prayer.

### FALL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

THE 1932 Fall Conferences of the Districts in the British Mission will be held on the following dates:

Welsh ... ..	Sunday, September 4, 1932
Norwich ... ..	,, ,, 11, ,,
Nottingham ... ..	,, ,, 18, ,,
Ulster and Free State (to be held conjointly in Belfast)	,, ,, 25, ,,
Portsmouth ... ..	October 2, ,,
Sheffield ... ..	,, ,, 9, ,,
Liverpool... ..	,, ,, 16, ,,
Hull ... ..	,, ,, 23, ,,
Manchester ... ..	,, ,, 30, ,,
Leeds ... ..	November 6, ,,
London ... ..	,, ,, 13, ,,
Birmingham ... ..	,, ,, 20, ,,
Scottish ... ..	,, ,, 27, ,,
Bristol ... ..	December 4, ,,
Newcastle ... ..	,, ,, 11, ,,

District Presidents are respectfully requested to make early arrangements for their Conference meetings, and to submit their programmes to the Mission President at 43 Tavistock Square, London. All members of each District should be informed of the Conference date and public notice be given.

District Presidents will please prepare a written report showing the work that has been done in the District; changes in missionary corps, new fields opened, branch organizations, percentage of increase or decrease in tithes and offerings, making a complete report of all work done in the District since the last Conference. This report should be a suitable one for reading to the congregation, and a copy is to be in readiness for the Mission President or his representative at the Conference.

Arrangements should be made wherever possible for three Sun-

day meetings—morning, afternoon and evening. The Sacrament should be administered at the morning meeting only. A portion of one session of each Conference will be devoted to Priesthood and Auxiliary instruction.

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### CHURCH WIDE NEWS

J. M. SJODAHL and Hugo D. E. Peterson have nearly completed a new translation of the Book of Mormon into the Swedish language. Copies will be available in the very near future, according to an announcement from the First Presidency.

PRESIDENT LEVI EDGAR YOUNG, of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, was recently released as president of the Temple Square Mission in Salt Lake City. He will be succeeded by Elder Joseph S. Perry, veteran missionary and guide on the Temple block.

ELDER JOHN G. M. BARNES, seventy-two, of Kaysville, Utah, widely known financial, industrial and Church leader of the state, died suddenly July 26th. As a young man in the "eighties," he fulfilled missions to the Northern States and Great Britain. Funeral rites occurred July 31st, at the Kaysville Tabernacle.

ELDER EDWARD H. SNOW, prominent business, political and religious leader of Utah, died suddenly on July 18th, of an heart attack at his home in Salt Lake City. High tribute was paid him by President Heber J. Grant, together with many other Church and State officials at the funeral services held in the Assembly Hall, July 20th. Second services were held the following day in the St. George Tabernacle, where the body was interred. He was the son of Apostle Erastus Snow.

DR. GEORGE H. BRIMHALL, seventy-nine, president emeritus of the Brigham Young University, one of the foremost educational authorities of western United States, and a very prominent Church worker, passed away after a prolonged illness at his home in Provo, Utah, July 29th. He had served on the general board of the Y. M. M. I. A. since its inception, was a prolific writer and forceful public speaker. Funeral services were held in the Utah Stake Tabernacle at Provo, August 1st.

THE departments of religious education and ancient history of the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, will be strengthened the coming year by the addition of Dr. Sydney B. Sperry to the faculty. Dr. Sperry has specialized in oriental languages and literature, and is a recognized authority in that field. He returned only a short time ago from a year's study in Palestine and Syria, an account of which was published in the *Millennial Star*.

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### FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Transfers:** August 5th, Elder Percy L. Matthews of the Portsmouth District was transferred to the European Mission Office; and Elder Delwin M. Clawson was transferred from the Newcastle to the Portsmouth District. Elder William Clawson of the Sheffield District, and Elder Howard F. Wood of the Ulster District was transferred August 12th, to the Ulster and Sheffield Districts, respectively.

## THE LORD'S JOB

THE Lord one day had a job for me,  
 But I had so much to do ;  
 So I said, " Please Lord, get somebody else,"  
 Or " Wait till I get through."  
 I don't know how the Lord came out,  
 But He seemed to get along ;  
 But I felt a kind of sneaking like,  
 And knowed I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord myself,  
 Needed Him right away ;  
 But He never answered me at all—  
 But yet I could hear Him say,  
 Away down in my accusing heart,  
 " I've got so much to do—  
 You get somebody else this time,  
 Or wait till I get through."

Now when the Lord has a job for me,  
 I never try to shirk ;  
 I drop whatever I have on hand,  
 And does the good Lord's work.  
 And my affairs can run along,  
 Or wait till I get through ;  
 For nobody else can do the job  
 That God's marked out for you.

SELECTED.

## DEATHS

MIDGLEY—Sister Priscilla Ann Midgley, of Keighley, Yorkshire, Leeds District, passed away on June 22nd, at the age of sixty-eight. Services were conducted by Elder A. Lee Brown at the home of the deceased and at the Keighley Cemetery chapel. Elder Jodie J. Smith dedicated the grave.

RUSSELL—Sister Jane Russell, an old and esteemed member of the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, passed quietly away July 5th. Funeral services were conducted by President W. Cleon Skousen, and the grave was dedicated by Elder George H. Curtis.

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